

County Library Board Meeting
July 13, 2006

The meeting came to order at 9:03 am with Chair, Evalyn Johnson; Vice Chair, Judy Brendel; Trustees, Gary Forney, Pat Bradley, and Donna Ohs; and Director, Joanne Erdall present.

The minutes of the June 14th meeting were read. A motion to accept the minutes as read was made by Ohs with a second from Brendel. Motion carried.

Old Business: After discussion a motion was made by Ohs to leave Faye on with the Experience Works program for another month until deciding how to proceed. It was seconded by Forney and the motion carried.

The financial report was next. The trustees decided to aggressively seek better interest rates for the Pace CD which would need to be reinvested by the end of July. Erdall would also figure out where we are on paying back money to the county expendable trust for the republication of Dick Pace's book "Golden Gulch".

The results of the book sale are as follows: We took in \$408.05. The newspaper ads cost: Bozeman Chronicle- \$68.65, Montana Standard- \$85.00, Dillon Tribune- \$51.75 and we have not received a bill from the Madisonian. Erdall would send costs onto Neil LaFever, owner of the Pioneer as he said he would assist with the cost of advertising. An offer to take the remaining books off our hands was made by Toni James, owner of Rank's Mercantile for trade of new Montana and Western books. Ohs made a motion that we accept this offer and it was seconded by Forney. All in favor.

Johnson would like to hold a dessert party to thank the volunteers who worked so hard to help us prepare for the book sale. Dates were discussed.

Montana State Library Consultant, Lauren McMullen visited our library for several hours on Thursday, June 29th. She was touring the southwestern part of Montana to get a feel of the different libraries of this area and what their needs might be. Whitehall Library had emailed us and would like Sheridan, Ennis, Virginia City, Dillon and Three Forks Libraries to join into a partnership group for interlibrary loans. Our board is interested in trying this and Erdall will attend the meeting in September to discuss this matter.

New Montana materials donated to the library are:

- The book “Montana’s Madison Country: A History” by Phyllis Smith. Phyllis acknowledged Erdall and Rutherford in the beginning of the book for their assistance in her research.
- A thesis completed by Merri Jolley Ketterer of Montana State University entitled- “Stereoscopic Race and Gender in Virginia City, Montana: The Life of Sarah Blair Gammon Brown Bickford”. Erdall was also acknowledged here.

A lengthy discussion followed concerning the best way to approach our need for more space as we continue our building assessment. Forney will contact an architecture friend for his input.

Election of officers followed. Bradley nominated Evalyn Johnson to continue as Chair and this was seconded by Brendel. All in favor. Ohs nominated Brendel to continue as Vice Chair and this was seconded by Forney. All in favor.

The next meeting would be set for August 10th at 9:00 am.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:57 am.